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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: WAVELENGTH DIVISION

MULTIPLEX OPTICAL REGENERATION SYSTEM AND

WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEX OPTICAL REGENERATION METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.